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Heaven's view

The film based on Elder Groberg's mission to Tonga, "The Other Side of Heaven," opens at the SCERA Showhouse Friday.

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ccident keeps rmer student om court date

rmer BYU student Mason ght did not appear in Provo Wednesday because he was minor car accident Tuesday

ght, from Mesa, Ariz., was eduled to have his preliminary ing for drug charges.

Oct. 12, Wright, another er BYU student and a friend e arrested on BYU campus charged with first-degree y counts of possession of a olled substance with intento distribute in a drug-free

ight's father, Lawrence ght, came to court to explain dge Guy Burningham that his spent Tuesday evening in the gency room and was unable pear in court.

rence Wright refused to give ls about his son's condition, said he was not badly hurt.

ight is also charged with ing drug paraphernalia in a -free zone, a class-A misdemor.

—Kristina Whitley

STATE

ll ready to go Games safety

LT LAKE CITY — They've ed more than 900 terrorism s and checked out 150 ax reports, all while playing art in the massive security t surrounding the 2002 Winames.

d FBI Director Robert S. ller said on Wednesday he's essed with his agents in Salt City, who oversee Utah, o and Montana.

eller was in town assessing ecurity plan for the Olympics, h begin in less than two ths.

aders from the Army, Secret ice and Federal Emergency agement Agency have all visSalt Lake City during the past weeks and said the security s were ready.

eller agreed.

ey are as well prepared, as trained, as the athletes themes," Mueller said.

—Associated Press

WORLD

-Qaida refuse surrender; fail meet deadline

RA BORA, Afghanistan — g a new deadline for surren- Afghan tribal commanders anded Wednesday that ped fighters of Osama bin n's al-Qaida group turn over leaders.

afar, a leader in the tribal ern alliance who goes by only name, said the al-Qaida ers are believed to include e from a list of 22 "most ed terrorists" made public by Bush administration after the . 11 attacks in the United s.

said a plan for the fighters to ender Wednesday morning psed in part over the refusal aders to give up.

afar said it was not certain if Laden was among them. U.S. Afghan officials have said he be in the Tora Bora region re the eastern alliance has besieging al-Qaida.

— Associated Press

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omestic violence shelter to be built in eastern Utah

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Living with WAR

Israel cuts ties to Arafat

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel cut off all contact with Yasser Arafat early today after Palestinian militants killed 10 more Israelis in a bus ambush. The move could wreck U.S. efforts to construct a truce.

The Israeli Security Cabinet issued its dramatic announcement just hours after Arafat bowed to long-standing Israeli demands and ordered the offices of the militant Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups closed.

The cabinet statement said Arafat was "directly responsible" for the attacks "and therefore is no longer relevant to Israel, and Israel will no longer have any connection with him."

Justice Minister Meir Sheetrit said Israel had reached "the moment of truth" in its battle against terrorism. "We have been talking with the Palestinians at all levels for two years," Sheetrit said. "Now it is time for Israel to defend itself."

Israeli helicopters targeted Arafat's West Bank headquarters in Ramallah early Thursday, Palestinian security officials said, adding that Arafat left the building shortly before it was hit.

At a news conference with Sheetrit after the Cabinet meeting, Brig. Gen. Dan Harel, Israel's chief of military operations, said Arafat himself was not a target.

The Cabinet said Israeli forces would be deployed around Palestinian towns to make arrests and confiscate weapons.

U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni was trying to establish two days of calm to rebuild trust. He has been in the region two weeks trying to arrange a truce to end more than 14 months of Palestinian-Israeli violence.

Sheetrit said there would be no more contact with Arafat or his Palestinian Authority and that meetings of security commanders, sponsored by Zinni, would cease.

Since Nov. 26, when Zinni arrived, 50 Palestinians and 44 Israelis have been killed in violence. The Palestinian toll includes 18 armed attackers and 10 suicide bombers.

Hamas said it was responsible for the bus attack just after nightfall Wednesday, which also injured 30. The crowded vehicle was ambushed as it climbed a winding road near the Jewish settlement of Emmanuel in the West Bank, 25 miles north of Jerusalem.

Wednesday's unrelenting violence started shortly after midnight with an Israeli helicopter strike that killed four Palestinian militiamen in response to mortar fire on Jewish settlements. Israeli warplanes struck back after the bus bombing, and Arafat ordered the offices of Hamas and Islamic Jihad closed.

Jesse Coleman/Daily Universe

Top: Medics assist a victim of an attack in the West Bank on Wednesday. Above: Enass Tinah, left, and Bashar Sader cannot return home to West Bank because of the conflict.

Mideast conflict hits home

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As Mideast violence intensifies, BYU students affected by the Palestinian-Israeli conflicts are speaking out against the bloodshed.

Two Palestinian students at BYU have been separated for more than a year from their families because of the constant fighting. One student said her parents are trapped like prisoners in their own homes.

Enass Tinah, a graduate student studying molecular biology from Ramallah, West Bank, said she tried to go home last summer, but since the situation was so bad, her parents told her not to try.

"It has really affected my family's life," Tinah said. "My dad can't go to work. My mom used to teach at school. It used to be a 10-minute drive; now it's an hour and a half. My sister's college has been closed for six weeks."

Another perspective comes from Rabbi Yossi Mandel, program director for the Chabad, a Jewish synagogue in Utah. Mandel said most Israelis are extremely hurt by the constant attacks of the Palestinians after what the Israeli state has given them. Included among these attacks are the two suicide bombings that killed three dozen Israelis in the downtown district of Jerusalem last week.

"The Israelis have given the Arabs so much in terms of education and infrastructure, and they turn around and attack them," Mandel said.

Bashar Sader, a graduate student from West Bank studying

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Voter reform passes House in a landslide

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One year after the Supreme Court halted the Florida recount, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed an election reform bill Wednesday.

The $2.6 billion plan — passed by a 362-63 margin — sets minimum voting standards and gives millions of dollars to states to upgrade voting equipment.

One of the co-sponsors of the bill, Rep. Jim Matheson, D-Utah, believes the bill will strengthen the election system and ensure that elections are held in a fair and legal manner, said Alyson Heyrend, press secretary for Matheson.

"The big news is they are going to establish minimum standards as to what constitutes a vote," Heyrend said.

Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, and Rep. Jim Hansen, R-Utah, also voted in favor of the bill.

The bill, known as the "Help America Vote Act" contains a provision that requires states to adopt a statewide voter registration system, Heyrend said.

The bill also includes a system that ensures both military members and overseas ballots are counted, said Rep. Felix Grucci Jr., R-New York, on the House floor Wednesday.

"Congress must act to restore America's confidence in the voting system," Grucci said. "This legislation will ensure that every vote be heard."

Another provision in the bill requires that every voting site be equipped so that blind people and those with other disabilities may vote in secret, said Rep. Jim Langevin, D-Rhode Island, on the House floor Wednesday. Langevin, disabled and in a wheelchair, said 84 percent of voting sites are currently inaccessible to disabled Americans.

The "Help America Vote Act" is primarily designed to correct mistakes made evident by the 2000 presidential elections, Heyrend said. In these elections, President George W. Bush was elected after tremendous debate over thousands of ballots in Florida. This bill will allocate $400 million to help states replace all punch-card systems, which were at the heart of the debate.

"The election of 2000 disenfranchised millions of voters and showed what a shambles our system is today," said Rep. Lacy Clay, D-Missouri, on the House floor Wednesday.

The Senate is expected to debate their version of the bill sometime early next year, Heyrend said.

In addition to the support in Congress, this bill has also received widespread support from other organizations, including National Conference of State Legislatures and the National Association of Secretaries of State, Heyrend said.

From presidency to pocketbooks, U.S. feels growing pains

Bush switches priorities

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George W. Bush's presidency changed in a whisper.

The whisper came from top aide Andrew Card, who quietly told Bush in a Florida classroom that a second plane had hit the World Trade Center. America was under attack, Card said.

Those simple words swiftly transformed Bush's goals and priorities, overtaking his ambitions of going down in history as a tax cut architect, Social Security crusader or public school reformer.

Now he is pursuing the seemingly quixotic mission of ridding the world of terrorism.

"It is the calling of our time," Bush said. "A fight between good and evil."

Bush assumed the responsibility with full knowledge that his performance, good or bad, would forever mark his legacy.

"I hope the legacy of the Bush administration ... is a lasting peace, so that our children's grandchildren can grow up in civilized world," Bush said. "America may

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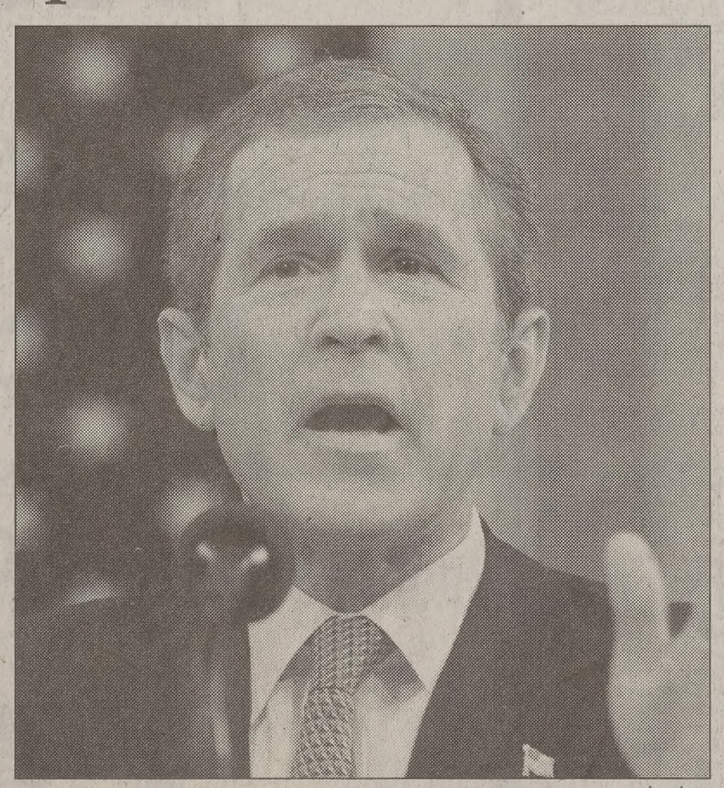

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President George W. Bush

Suffering job market alters American life

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anthony Samawova slumped out of the state unemployment office, stared down at the pavement and reminisced about the good old days when the economy was sweet.

"I wish I'd graduated last year," groaned Samawova, who has netted more than 100 rejection letters from potential employers, but not a single job offer since earning a degree from Syracuse University in May.

"Last year, I found a summer job and it was easy. I just went in and I got the job," said Samawova, who is 22 and trained as a studio technician. "I went back and they said now they don't have any openings."

Samawova joins scores of Americans — including the newest entrants to the job market as well as the most experienced veterans — confronting a harsh new reality. As the curtain comes down on 2001, they've been written out of the script for an economic drama that

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Children 'spinning' over Japanese tops

TOKYO — All over Japan, children are gathering around "stadiums" no bigger than a serving platter to shoot spinning, battling tops of plastic and metal enchanted by the spirits of monsters and dragons.

The tops are called "Beyblade" and are the latest rage in the nation that brought the world Pokemon, PlayStation and the Power Rangers. Now they are spinning into toy stores in the United States.

The game is simple: The top that keeps spinning the longest without getting knocked off the stadium wins.

Twenty million of the tops have been sold in Japan, and they went on sale this month in Chicago and Los Angeles.

U.S. toy maker Hasbro is counting on American youngsters going for Beyblade just like the Japanese. Like Pokemon, Beyblade has grown into a brand in Japan, with Beyblade candy, notebooks, video games and even shampoo.

Experts denounce Bush's Internet plan

WASHINGTON — One of the Internet's founders said Wednesday there were important weaknesses in the Bush administration's plans to build an ultra-secure government network and to encourage companies to make computers safer for consumers.

Vinton G. Cerf, widely recognized as a "father of the Internet," warned against a White House proposal to have software companies automatically repair their products whenever new vulnerabilities were discovered.

Last week, the president's top computer security adviser complained to some technology executives that consumers and businesses routinely fail to install software fixes — known as "patches" — even as vendors make them freely available. Richard Clarke said it was "not beyond the wit of this industry to force patches down" to users.

INS begins student visa crackdown

SAN DIEGO — Immigration authorities arrested 10 people in the San Diego area Wednesday in a first-of-its-kind crackdown on Middle Eastern students suspected of violating the terms of their visas by not being in school.

None of those arrested is suspected of involvement in the Sept. 11 attacks, authorities said.

Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said about 50 people were being sought in the San Diego area.

The crackdown is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, Mack said. It is part of the agency's attempt to better track foreign students after it was revealed that one of the Sept. 11 terrorists, Saudi native Hani Hanjour, had entered the country as a student.

Agents began the crackdown at 5 a.m., visiting more than a dozen homes in San Diego County. Mack said they arrested 10 men and women, including the brother of one student.

U.S. plane crashes, crew members safe

WASHINGTON — An Air Force B-1B bomber involved in the war in Afghanistan went down in the Indian Ocean Wednesday, and all four crew members were rescued, Pentagon officials said.

"The crew is reportedly in good condition," said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman.

The crewmembers were taken aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer Russell, which was sent to the crash site, officials said. Davis said the Russell, which is based at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, happened to be operating in waters off Diego Garcia at the time of the crash.

The crash occurred at 8:30 a.m. Mountain time.

There was no indication of the cause, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said.

"This underscores what we try to remember all the time — that the men and women in the U.S. military put their lives at risk every single day," Clarke said. "And we're grateful."

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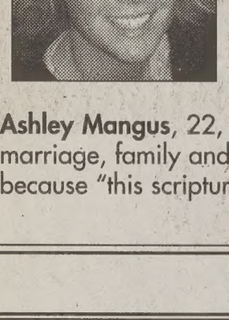

"My son, peace be unto thy soul; thine adversity and thine afflictions shall be but a small moment;

And then, if thou endure it well, God shall exalt thee on high; thou shalt triumph over all thy foes."

— D&C 121:7-8

Ashley Mangus, 22, a senior from Noblesville, Ind., majoring in marriage, family and human development, likes this scripture because "this scripture is a great one to remember during finals."

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Bin Laden tape about to go public

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials brought in translators to listen to a videotape of Osama bin Laden made just days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. President Bush's spokesman said Wednesday that Bush wants to ensure accuracy "before anything is released to the world."

U.S. officials who have seen the tape say it proves bin Laden was behind the attacks.

Four non-government translators are listening to the tape to interpret bin Laden's spoken Arabic and agree on a uniform version of his remarks, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

He noted that the quality of the video footage is not good, and the step was taken "to be thorough, to be accurate, before anything is released to the world."

He said Bush has sought advice from top aides about releasing the hour-long tape, but has made no decision about it. If it is released, officials will provide versions in Arabic and in an English translation, Fleischer said.

> "Clearly the president hopes that information can be shared with the public."
>
> — Ari Fleischer, White House spokesman

"Clearly the president hopes that information can be shared with the public," Fleischer said. "The only thing that would stand in the way is if there is anything from intelligence or security that can be compromised. That is not looking like it is likely."

Senators who have viewed the tape say it will convince the rest of the world that he is responsible for the terrorist attacks that killed thousands in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and aboard four hijacked jets.

"What's on it is a frightening display of evil. Here are three men, sitting in what looks like a common room for that part of the world, calmly discussing the events of Sept. 11 like it was last weekend's golf game," said Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., after viewing the tape. "Osama bin Laden is laughing, grinning and marveling at the destruction and death of Sept. 11."

Officials had hinted they might make the tape public Wednesday. But at midday, Fleischer said the translators' work was continuing.

The amateurish video — apparently meant for internal al-Qaida use — records a conversation between bin Laden and a Sau... Arabian sheik, whom offici... know little about and ha... declined to identify. Two t... Laden associates — spiritu... adviser Ayman al-Zawahri a... spokesman Abu Ghaith — al... appear in the tape, Durbin said.

Several members of the intel... gence committee have called ... the Bush administration to relea... the tape, which was found in ... abandoned residence in Jalalab... Afghanistan.

"This is a basic acknowled... ment by Osama bin Laden of h... central role in the 9-11 planni... of the events at the Trade towe... and the Pentagon," said Se... Richard Shelby, R-Ala., vi... chairman of the intelligence co... mittee. "I believe the tapes ou... to be released. The timing is up... our policy-makers and the pre... dent. I believe it would explain... a lot of people that have be... doubting Osama bin Laden's c... pability that it's there."

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Wintertime injuries skyrocket as snowflakes fall

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winter storms roll into Utah, so do intertime injuries.

e last few winters have been pret-d, but winter came a little quicker ear," said Keith Hooker, an emer-y room physician at Utah Valley nal Medical Center.

most common injuries at the al center's emergency room have broken bones and injuries from nd falls, Hooker said.

ording to the National Highway c Safety Administration, people uard against falling on slippery bending their knees and taking r steps.

vever, falls aren't the only winter-njury. Blair Hershey, a local chiropractor, said he has seen plenty of back injuries caused by shoveling snow.

"Lots of people strain their backs shoveling," he said. "It's been a hard winter."

Other wintertime injuries occur as people head to the slopes to ski or snowboard.

David Shallenberger 24, a junior from Orem majoring in engineering, knows all too well what problems can come from a day on the slopes.

Shallenberger was in the backcountry of Little Cottonwood Canyon when he took a jump and landed on a patch of rocks covered in snow.

He suffered a collapsed lung, a broken collarbone and broke his ribs in 14 places.

"It didn't really hurt until I got in the ambulance," Shallenberger said. "There was a lot of adrenaline pumping."

When planning a day of skiing or snowboarding, it is important to know what the avalanche report is and to be careful when skiing in the backcountry, Shallenberger said.

Mike Rener, ski patroller at Sundance said most injuries aren't that serious, but skiers do receive many wrist and knee injuries from falling.

"It's not only inexperienced skiers that get hurt," Rener said. "People who ski a lot can get hurt as well."

Ninety-nine percent of fractures hurt right away. If pain develops later, the injury is more likely a bruise, he said.

With so many ways to get injured it might be tempting to stay inside and skip the wintertime activities. But the best advice is to just be cautious, Hershey said.

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Too shallow, too serious, too sarcastic — all are common criticisms of The Daily Universe readers' forum, yet it is one of the most important and frequently read sections of the newspaper.

And although many members of the BYU community might read the page for mere entertainment value, the forum provides much more than that. It is an outlet for readers of our newspaper to have a voice, a channel for expression and a way to criticize what they view as unjust and unfair.

BYU is sometimes criticized for having a naïve and close-minded community, but this forum of expression is one important way the community can share its diversity of ideas.

On this high-profile soapbox, anyone is free to tell 30,000 people exactly how to act and what to believe. Writers can make rational, logical assertions, or they can present outlandish, one-sided arguments.

The forum is a place where these voices can be expressed. Whether the issues presented seem sophomoric and trivial or world-changing and critical, we preserve the ideas so our readers can be heard in the marketplace of ideas.

The forum creates an essential entry into this marketplace — a place where students make sense of the community in which they live. Only in this place can The Daily Universe staff, BYU students and the rest of the community gather in a meeting of minds to discuss the common issues that everyone deals with.

It doesn't matter whether anyone agrees or violently disagrees with the opinions expressed here. In fact, sometimes it's better when people disagree, because it makes them think and decide for themselves what they want to believe about each issue. What does matter is that there is a place where the community can exchange ideas.

In this final opinion page of the semester, NewsNet would therefore like to thank the members of the BYU community for helping to make this forum possible. Thank you for reading the opinion page and for making it a viable experience for our community. Thank you for writing letters, printed or not. Thank you for agreeing with the opinions expressed here. Thank you for disagreeing with them. Thank you for being patient with our shortcomings.

Thank you for helping to make BYU the great university that it is.

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VIEWPOINT

Recognize human rights

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On May 4, 2001, The Dalai Lama, addressing a Salt Lake area audience, emphasized the importance of embracing China and inviting them into the world mainstream. He reasoned that the best way to help China to overcome their administrative backwardness in terms of human rights is to help and encourage the Chinese government to follow the world standards in human rights and rule of law by encouraging favorable trade and diplomatic relations between Beijing and the world at large. This is a substantial statement, considering that its source is the leader of a people who have been conquered, subdued and violently repressed at the hands of the Chinese government for nearly half a century.

He also said, however, that appeasement was wrong. To believe that Beijing practices human rights treatment that even comes close to the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights would be asinine. Too many people in this world are victims of arbitrary punishment, unfair labor practice and even arbitrary torture and execution. China is internationally decried as one of the worst and most general abusers of worldwide human rights standards.

The author of the viewpoint Tuesday that addressed violation of the religious rights of the Falun Gong sect did not fabricate the story out of spite for China. The gross violations of free religious practices of Uighur Muslims, house-church Christians and Tibetan Buddhists, among other religions, have been the subject of international scrutiny for decades. Amid the international uproar provoked by the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre of peaceful pro-democracy demonstrators, Beijing temporarily ebbed its unjust legal practices but has since resumed to the level at which it practiced previously — a level unacceptable under international standards.

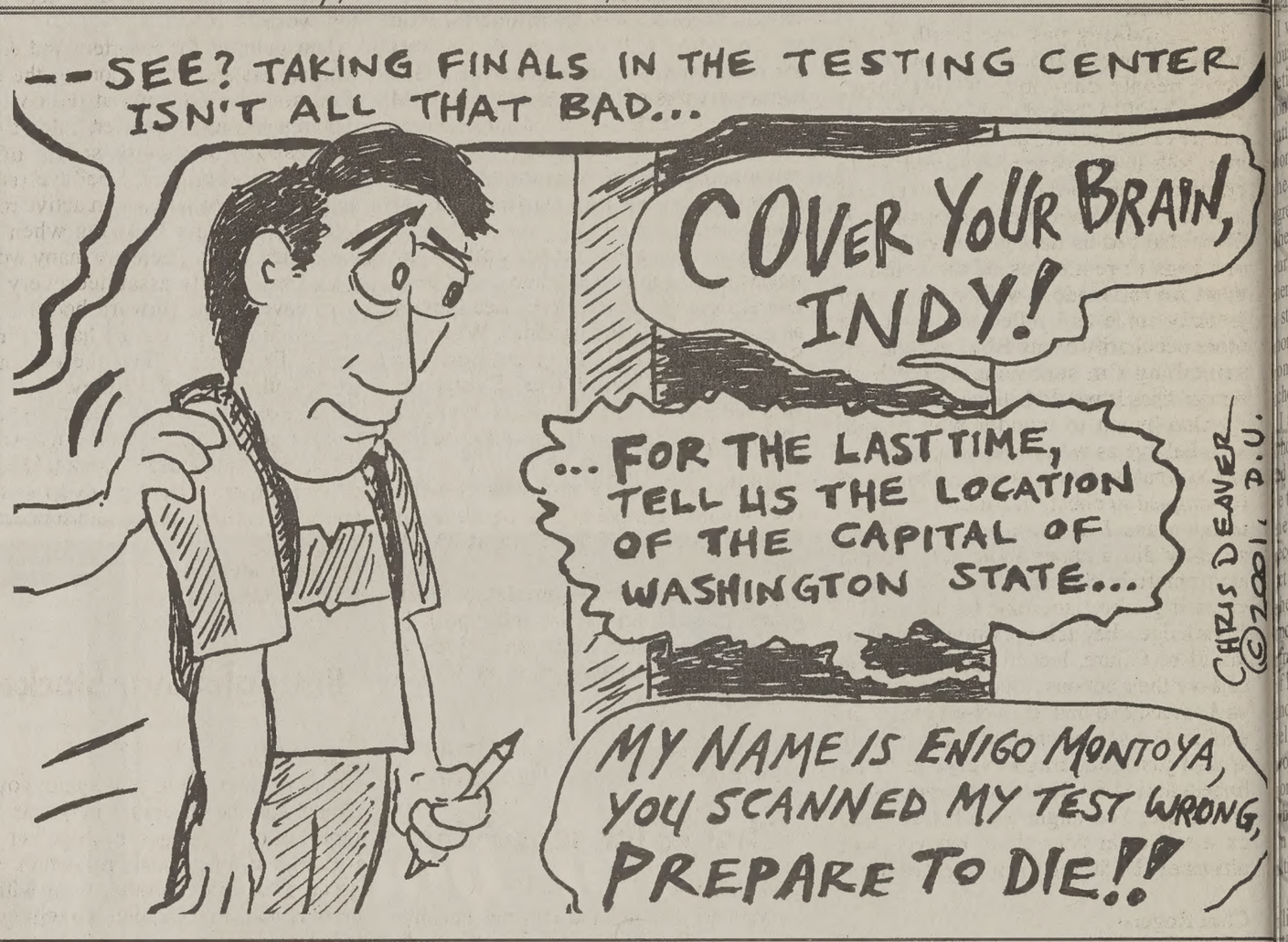
To control academics, religious leaders or anyone construed as a political opponent to the government, Beijing habitually uses torture, beating, incarceration considered inhumane by international standards and other forms of punishment as a means of maintaining power, often actively seeking to mask these practices from the United Nations and others concerned with human rights and the rule of law. Notwithstanding, Beijing's record as one of the world's most pervasive violators of international human rights norms is widely recognized and well documented to the point of indisputability. The issue is not to undermine Beijing as a legitimate regime, to pit one nation against another, or to suggest that one country is inferior or superior to another. Neither is it a U.S.-China issue. It is that the Chinese government uses unjust treatment with those citizens who it considers threatening to its sovereignty.

No regime has ever changed position without some stimulus to do so. Additionally, no human is without responsibility to protect the inalienable rights of his of her peers, whether they be across the street or across the ocean. While the world needs to compassionately include China in the mainstream, it can make no exceptions or excuses for its inhumane governing practices. International human rights norms are almost universally ratified and supported.

Rule of law demands that what applies to one must apply to all. Beijing needs to recognize that without alteration or exception. China needs the world's support and assurance that freedom and cultivation of individual rights leads to national success, longevity and fulfillment. Simultaneously, we must not condone or excuse any form of any violation of human rights anywhere in the world.

As Americans, we see the world through a cultural filter that involves rule of law and individual liberty — rights of which too many people in the world are deprived. I encourage everyone to use the freedom you have to concern yourself with the human rights of all God's children and do what is necessary to see that they are preserved. Discover what "China's human rights record" means and study its details. One person suffering at the hands of a repressive regime is one too many.

There are a number of readily available resources online to verify details of human rights violations and to further study human rights, and printed resources are available from the U.S. Congress, the United Nations, Amnesty International, Human Rights in China, and many academic publications.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READERS' FORUM

SCAMP creates options

Dear Editor,

Today there is a plan to return the south campus area to the "walkable community" it once was. It is called the South Campus Area Master plan, or SCAMP.

SCAMP, which has been under study and review for the past several years, has a simple purpose: to create the opportunity for about 4,000 to 5,000 BYU students to live closer to campus in an area with easily accessible amenities such as a grocery store, restaurants, a laundromat, other small businesses and mass transit. The south campus area would be one where students could live close to campus without needing an automobile to survive, but where cars would be welcome, if wanted.

SCAMP is not, as some have said, a plan to prohibit students from owning cars or allowing them to park in this area. Provo Mayor Lewis Billings has stated he does not support any plan that would prohibit students from having cars in Provo. That simply isn't practical. Also, SCAMP is not about new housing options next semester or even next year. New, higher-density student housing and amenities likely wouldn't be fully in place for five, 10 or even 20 years.

Students living in the SCAMP area could — and the majority probably still would — own cars, but the parking may be at a common parking lot or garage a block or two away, as well as on-site. Parking on the streets may likely be regulated so that those who live in this area — including students — can park in this area. Drivers who do not live south of campus who currently use area streets as all-day parking lots could be directed to park their cars elsewhere.

As students and long-time area residents know, the parking problem south of campus continues to this day. Adopting SCAMP provides a way to help resolve some of these parking problems while providing great housing and shopping amenities.

Despite what critics may say, SCAMP is about freedom for 4,000 to 5,000 future students who will live south of campus each year. It is the freedom of these students to own a car if they choose, as well as the freedom for those same students to avoid the costs of own a car and still be able to walk to campus to live and shop in an enjoyable, desirable neighborhood. It is a freedom that unfortunately for many BYU students who don't own cars, isn't available.

Michael Mower,
Provo City director of community and government relations

SCAMP dangerous

Dear Editor,

As I am sure many of you realize, there is piece of legislation going through Provo's City Council right now that will affect us students. We, who drive Provo's economy, are being funneled into a smaller, more unobtrusive area and treated like a cancerous, unwanted growth. With 30,000 students, we represent the majority of the voting power in this town and have the right to use it to push any law through that we want. Instead we are being bullied and inconvenienced, while the city makes millions at our expense. In a year or so, when large machines start tearing down the house next to yours and you can't sleep, and then they start tearing down your own and you have to park more than three blocks away in a city-owned parking garage — if you're allowed to have a car — you'll be outraged, but it will be too late. Now is the time to stop it. Dec. 18 is during finals, but petitions can attend the meeting if we can't. Please, this is serious. Speak out against SCAMP.

Jared Coffman
Wabash, Ind.

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Hail groundskeepers

Dear Editor,

I have had the blessed privilege to work for BYU grounds the last three years. I'm not sure exactly why I stay — perhaps it's the early morning reflection of the sun off Mount Timpanogos as I scrape gum off the sidewalks. Recently the joyous snow season has arrived and I have the privilege of waking up in the wee hour of the morning to rid the sidewalks of the cursed white plague! Yes, it can cause me some minor discomfort, but good gravy! We can't have sore bums at the Lord's university! So students, while you run to that early morning class, be at ease, we've got it covered.

There is so much more to be concerned about. After all, there are people wearing socks with sandals and women wearing revealing shoulder pack straps over their Abercrombie & Fitch sweaters — you might even run into that nefarious Coke advertisement! So when you see one of your fellow students diligently shoveling the hollowed walkways of BYU, tip your cap and sing this song to them as you go (in the tradition of that bus-ride favorite):

"Hail to the groundskeeper, groundskeeper, groundskeeper, Hail to the groundskeeper, groundskeeper man. He shovels the sidewalks so I save my bottom! Yes, hail to the groundskeeper, groundskeeper man!"

John Edvalson
Benton City, Wash.

Spend, then give

Dear Editor,

I've been hearing mixed messages about spending this Christmas — that it's my duty as a citizen to march right down to the mall and use my Visa without fear. And the one we hear every year about this time — Christmas has become way too commercialized.

When I told my husband I intended to write on the subject he said, "Honey, don't just write about the problem — write about the solution, too."

Now that's a tall order. In spite of recessions, up and down trends in the stock market, and conflicts here and abroad, we Americans continue to be the richest people in the world and we are getting richer. And why not? We are blessed to live in a free land where all things are possible for those willing to scramble a little or a lot. This Christmas we can boast that more Americans than ever before are becoming healthy, wealthy and wise.

So what do you do this Christmas season if you've already got a nice house in the suburbs, plenty of good food on the table and warm clothes in the closets — give it all to the homeless and move out on the sidewalk yourself? Hey, you say, I've worked hard for what I've accumulated. I go to work every day to take care of my family and pay my taxes and I even support the economy by investing in mutual funds. You say, so what if I choose to join a country club, play golf on the weekends and drive a gas-guzzling SUV? You say you refuse to feel guilty about any of that?

And whose business is it anyway if you choose to max out those credit cards every year in order to get into the spirit of the season? You say you pay your bills on time and if you don't, well, let Visa shut down your credit. You say, let me do Christmas any way I want — it's a free country, right?

Right. Which brings me to the solution to the whole problem of commercializing Christmas. I've got an idea that should make everybody happy, from the mall merchants to the homeless — that is, if you guys with all that buying power will cooperate. It's simple: For every new thing you buy this year, just give away your old stuff. Got an urge for a new SUV? Donate or trade in the old one, donate it to one of those charities that give you a tax deduction. Round up your kids and get them to clean out their toy chests and sporting equipment closets. Tell them for every item on their wish list they have to give up something to share with others.

You get the idea. This kind of thing could really catch on. As Americans, the more we make, the more we all spend. I can't see us ever learning that less is really more and reversing our buying habits. And there's likely no end to the irresistible shiny toys corporate America will keep grinding out for sale in all our glitzy malls. So go ahead and do your patriotic duty, keep the economy moving this year and spend, spend, spend! Just remember the rule — one toy in, one toy out.

And no cheating!

Dea Smith
Provo

Appreciate natural Uta

Dear Editor,

With the Winter 2002 Olympics occurring this February, Utah has faced many changes. Billboards advertising Olympic sponsors are scattered along freeways, ice rinks and bobsled tracks are being built and new events and attractions are underway.

While many new edifices and sites may be what we are giving attention to and telling visitors about, it is important to remember that it is Utah's diverse landscape and rich history that make it truly unique.

By informing visitors about the state's background, people and scenery, we give them a real look into the majestic beauty of both the geography and topography of Utah. The goal of showcasing Utah to the world during the 2002 Winter Olympics is to attract visitors not only for a few months, but to leave them with a legacy of Utah so they will continue to come back. It is our responsibility as residents to be aware of what Utah offers, and to be proud to share it with others.

Utah has much to offer. In what other location can you find a state so diverse? In Utah, one can find desert, snow, mountains, valleys, rocks and streams. One can also find mines, dinosaur bones and Indian ruins. Visitors to Utah can enjoy so much more than just the events of the Games and the man-made attractions that the Games bring with them. In Utah's rich heritage, scenic and recreational state parks, visitors can camp, boat, swim, fish, picnic, enjoy nature trails, play golf, bike, ski or just relax.

Utah also offers historic sites such as the Anasazi Indian Village, Escalate State Park, Golden Spike National Historic Site and Veterans' Memorial. It also offers attractions such as Historic Temple Square and the Cathedral Church of St. Mark. It is these historical sites and natural attractions that reflect the "real" Utah, not man-made Olympic sites and structures.

Amber Augustin
Bountiful

Readers' Forum

Honesty the best policy

ar Editor,
was walking past the Smith Field-use last week and heard some ener-ic people chanting, "Don't cheat, n't cheat!" I looked and I saw the two i-cheating people passing out cinna-n rolls to everyone who agreed not to eat on their finals. I went over and reed, 'cause, hey, free cinnamon roll. ey also had us tie a yellow ribbon on r bags to remind us of the commit-nt we had made. I walked away with ticky smile as I reflected on yet one re peculiarity of my BYU experience, nething I'm sure none of my high hool friends would believe.

also began to wonder why people o believe as we do and have commit-to what we have committed to would ttempted to cheat. In a moral develop-nt class I am taking, our group ently did a paper about why people immorally. Specifically in the case of eating, they seemed to lack self-owledge, they felt pressured and were aid of failure, lacked appraisal skills how their actions affected themselves d others, and had an over-emphasis on f in the social context. Generally I uld just encourage everyone to be nest during finals and throughout your ole life. You might get a better grade a test or in your class, but you will imately be failing the real test of life.

nt Rogers
dvale, Salt Lake County

BYU needs a 'Max'

ar Editor,
ately we have noticed that many peo-have complaints regarding the social ucture that dominates the culture in appy Valley." These grievances range m Happy Valley's current residents' ompetence in showing happiness to difficulties concerning flirtatious counters with married members of the posite sex. Having the desire to serve r fellow students, we have spent a thora of sleepless nights in committee formulate the perfect plan for battling 'U's and Utah Valley's social inept-ss.

he trick to overcoming someone's k of enthusiasm for life is not to com-in. The process for finding good dat-prospects does not lie in balloons or b pages filled with personal statistics. e solutions to these matters can be found in the teachings of our junior high pastime, "Saved by the Bell."

Lunch, after-school hangouts and dinner dates all took place at one location — The Max! If BYU were to construct its own Max, we would have a place where groups of girls and guys could hang out in a flirting-filled atmosphere. We could put in married/non-married sections like many restaurants do with smoking (or just ban married couples altogether).

This would also put an end to the obnoxious people who choose the periodical floor of the Harold B. Lee Library as their place of finding dates. When the Saved by the Bell gang entered The Max, what did you notice? Everybody was happy! We've already solved the specific problems we listed in the beginning. If we toss in a disco-ball and a small dance floor, the problems of party-loving students applying to be ministers for other religions will be out of BYU's hair.

We need this social-stimulator! In 30 years, general authorities will speak in conference of meeting their wives at "The Max." John Bytheway may even write a song about it.

Terence Stephens, Clinton, Davis County
Adam Lynn Page, Ariz.

Thanks for sensitivity

Dear Editor,

I want to applaud the reporter and the editors at The Daily Universe for their sensitivity in reporting about the sexual assault in Monday's paper. I commend them for not printing the victim's name or any other information that would reveal her identity.

In November I attended the "Victims' Rights and the Media" seminar that was held on campus. Before I attended the seminar, I had no idea there were no laws protecting victims from not having their names or damaging information printed about them, leaving them at the mercy of the media. I was horrified at the stories I heard of women who had been assaulted and then decided to press charges against the perpetrator with the promise of confidentiality, only to have reporters publicize their names or, in some cases, even their addresses.

As a result of this type of information running about the victims, many women became victims again. However, this time they became victims to the town gossip and to the suggestion that in some way these women had "asked for it." Consequently, many of these women lost their jobs because of the "bad publicity," not to mention their feeling of self-worth.

I am grateful for reporters and editors who understand that reporting the story does not have to come at the cost of a victim's privacy. However, I don't think the responsibility lies solely on the reporters and editors. I believe readers and viewers should take an active role in letting the media knowing when they have gone to far. There are many women who are sexually assaulted every year who never come forward because they are afraid. These women have seen the news. They know how the media has treated other victim's privacy.

I believe if we want to see more perpetrators go to jail, we have to take an active role in helping victims feel secure in coming forward by ensuring them complete confidentiality and support.

Jeanelle Carden
El Paso, Texas

Strugglers vs. Slackers

Dear Editor,

It's that time of the year again; you can almost feel the difference in the air. It's a time not only for getting together with friends, but for personal reflection. Sure, it can be a little stressful, what with the crowds and all, but there's nothing like that feeling of anxiety, waiting to see if you've been naughty or nice all this year, and the sleepless nights spent wondering what you'll get. The Christmas season? No, it's finals time!

I've noticed that during this stressful season, the students split up into two basic types: the strugglers and the slackers. The strugglers can be identified by the lifeless look on their faces, along with their open Franklin planners, trying to squeeze in one more study session before the test.

Slackers are usually good students who have just changed their priorities. This is due mostly to the fact that it's been three months since the start of the semester, and that's plenty of time to discover, discuss and decide.

The other slackers are those who at one time were trying for a good grade, but have now settled for getting a grade or two lower. They realize that grades aren't the most important thing in the world, even less important than, say, making a snowman. These people will enjoy the coming weeks.

The strugglers don't like this. Not only are they jealous of the free time of the slackers, but their progress is hindered (usually unintentionally) by every other person in the world. Ward Christmas parties, office Christmas parties, club Christmas parties, Christmas sales, textbook buy-back, packing for Christmas break, and movies, of which the best seem to come out around Christmastime. Strugglers try not to give in and are rewarded with an "A-" and a lifetime of high blood pressure.

Near the end, almost everyone is a slacker, because we're so sick of school that we just want it to be over with. So when you can either study for an extra day or take the test now, you usually choose the latter, because good grade or bad, at least you're finished and you can move on with your life, and maybe even get an early start home for Christmas. We throw away the intrinsic value of learning and become academic bulimics, binging on an all-nighter, then purging it all in the Heber J. Grant Building. Face it, we've all done it. The ironic thing is that later, usually on the way home from the Testing Center, we remember all the things we should have known. "Mg is magnesium, not manganate!" I say, smacking my forehead, and that fact is truly learned, even though it's not reflected on my grade. It's not very fair, but I don't care anymore, and I figure that I'll just do better next semester.

Whoa, I just had deja vu.

Chris Rock
Thornton, Colo.

China improving

Dear Editor,

When newspaper articles touch some sensitive political issues, it is likely that it would create unpleasant reactions within the community it is serving. When a university newspaper openly criticizes the policy of the government of a nation that accounts for one-fifth of the world population and that school's second largest foreign-student population, on its main article of the front page, it is inevitable that a backlash would occur.

As another native Chinese student at BYU, I want to thank the writers of Tuesday's viewpoints, because they may bring BYU students some open-minded thinking on this issue. I agree that the Falun Gong article was heavily biased and the students should hear the stories from both sides. I think both writers did a decent job in representing that side.

I would like to add that while the American media always enjoys the ceaseless criticism on the Chinese government for its human rights problems, it hardly ever mentions the progress that government has made within itself. I never want to conceal the countless mistakes and problems the government has had over a long stretch of history, and I want to admit that some of those errors are egregious and excruciating to the Chinese people. But in some aspects, its improvements since its establishment are also worth noticing. For example, it is the first government that has ever introduced partial democratic election to rural China, and it has given more and more economic freedom to its people in an unprecedented scale.

I don't believe that The Daily Universe should be restrained to criticize any government due to its book donations to the school or the existence of the children of high-ranking officials. After all, the campus newspaper would embody the spirit of the freedom of speech, not utilitarianism. However, if it puts highly biased articles on its front page, then it is neither intelligent nor appropriate. It gave the false image that the Chinese students here on campus are the abused citizens under an evil government.

Instead of tearing down all imperfect things in our sight, we should spend more energy on building them up. However, the newspapers often commit the sin of making a world more miserable than it actually is. On the issue of China's human rights problems, I believe optimism must be the dominating attitude. With its entering in the World Trade Organization and hosting of the Olympics, who can doubt that China's human rights condition will improve?

Jia Jiang
Beijing

Snow-shoveler thanks

Dear Editor,

I am on campus very early some mornings and I just wanted to thank the workers that plow and shovel the snow. It is nice to walk on clear sidewalks. I don't know what time these people have to wake up to accomplish this task, but it is appreciated. Thank you, snow shovelers!

Dave Nasal
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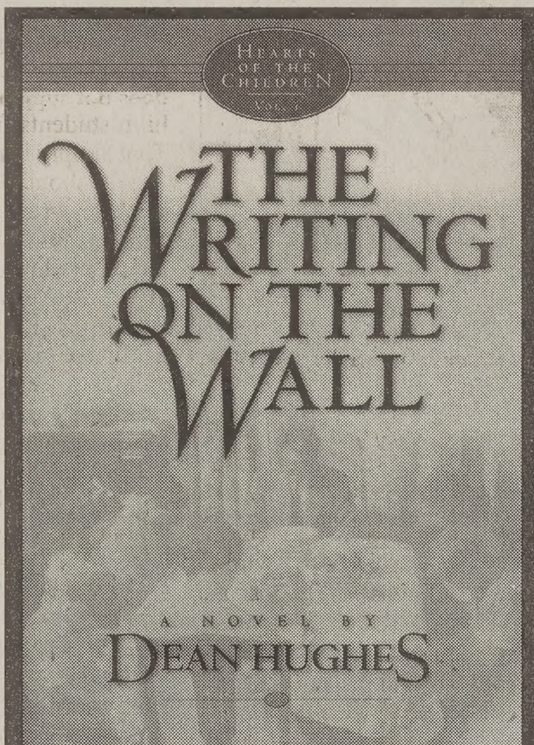

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Christmas Celebration comes to the MOA

By Summer McCann
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BYU's Museum of Art will host its fifth annual "Community Christmas Celebration" this Saturday.

"We want this to be a holiday celebration for the whole community," said Cheryl May, public program coordinator for the MOA.

Participants will be able to make Christmas ornaments and finger puppets. There will also be a puppet show, face painting and holiday treats, Laverty said.

A magician will also perform, May said.

"He has been coming to the Christmas Celebration since the first year and is always the most popular performer," May said.

"I look forward to doing this event every year," said Lance Neilson, the performing magician.

"The kids get so excited. I almost feel like the Pied Piper with 60 children following me around the museum as I tie balloon animals for them," he said.

Choirs from three local high schools will provide live music for the entire program.

Festive film brings Christmas to Y

By Greg Kunkel
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The Harold B. Lee Library will promote the Christmas spirit in a unique way tonight by showing the 1953 Technicolor film "The Robe."

"The Robe," starring Richard Burton, Victor Mature and Jean Simmons, tells the story of a Roman tribune who supervised the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and whose life was changed after winning Christ's robe in a dice game with other soldiers.

Norman Gillespie, Special Collections Motion Picture Archives Film Series assistant, said archives workers selected "The Robe" to be shown during the Christmas season because the film deals with the birth of Christianity.

"I do recommend it," Gillespie said.

> "It's not just a bang-them-up, thrash-them-up, mindless extravaganza."
>
> — Jed Johnson, BYU student

Jed Johnson, 22, a junior from Oakland Calif., majoring in physics, remembers seeing the film several years ago and said it is a provoking film.

"It makes you think about things that we normally don't think about," Johnson said. "It is a movie with some substance, not just a bang-them-up, thrash-them-up, mindless extravaganza."

Gillespie said "The Robe" earned several Oscar nominations, including Best Actor for Burton's performance, Best Color Cinematography and Best Picture.

Based on the best-selling novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, "The Robe" was the first film to use 20th Century Fox's new Cinemascope wide-screen process, which became the standard wide-screen format.

Gillespie said the library would show the original road show version of the film on a "flat" or non-wide screen.

"The Robe" helped launch a number of religious-based epics throughout the 1950s and early 1960s.

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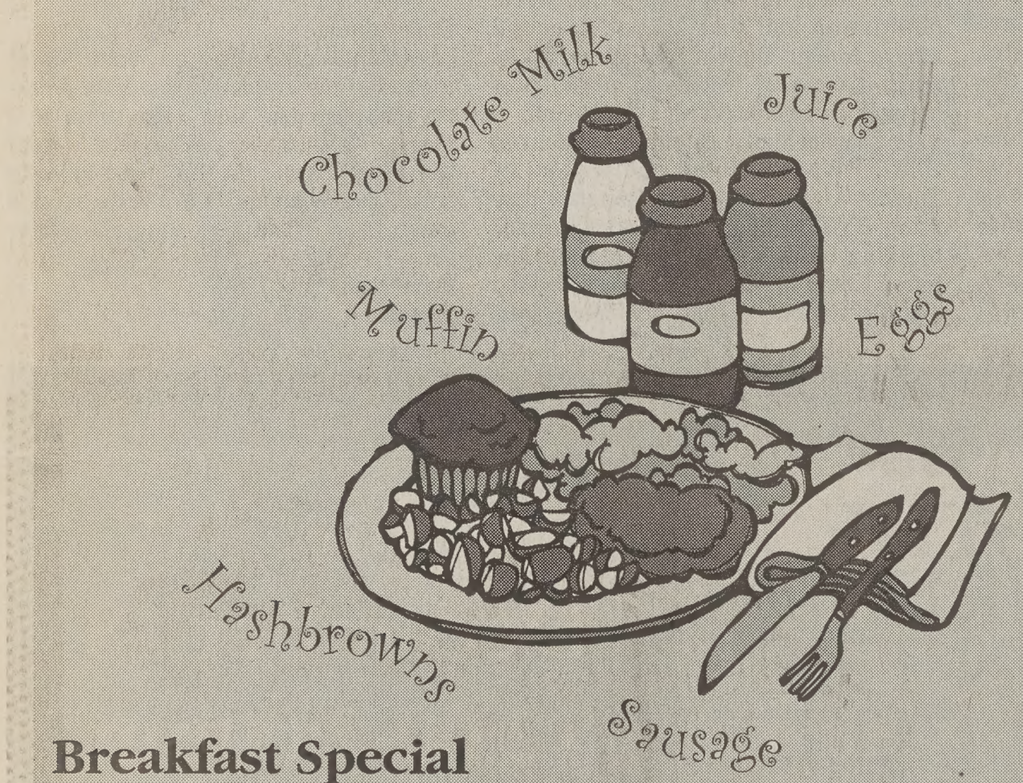

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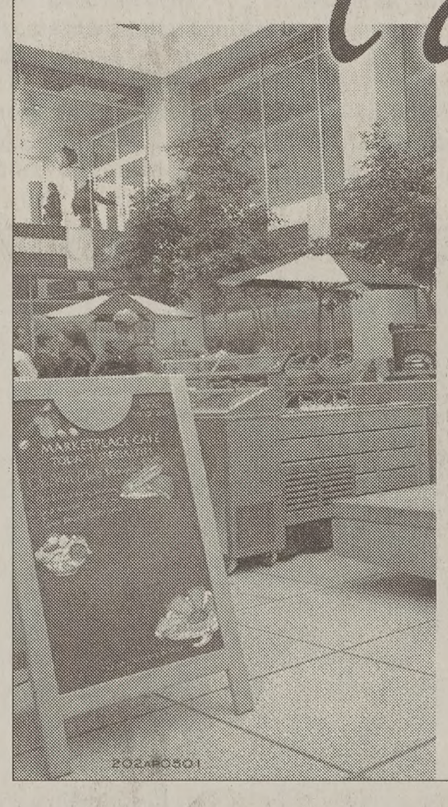
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CERA theater gets first peek at 'heavenly' film

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ne Other Side of Heaven," ilm adaptation of Elder John roberg's book about his mis- experience in Tonga, will Friday at Jordan Commons ndy and SCERA Showhouse rem.

a question and answer ses- Tuesday night which fea- l cast and crewmembers of movie, director Mitch Davis ounced that there will be a ial midnight screening ht at the SCERA.

vis said he will attend the ening, along with a few bers of the cast.

e movie will open at theaters ss Utah next Friday, said Jane Jones of Excel Enter- nment.

ril Wetzel, the vice-president CERA, said one reason the ie will play at the SCERA is because of its reputation as a family theater.

Plus, Wetzel said the SCERA has the largest screen in Utah, and the biggest theater in Utah Valley, with 745 seats.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for us to have an exclusive for a week," Wetzel said. "We're really grateful to Excel for giving us that opportunity."

As a community-owned, non-profit organization, the SCERA does some marketing that other theaters might not do, Wetzel said.

She said the theater management sent a letter to all bishops in the area and also placed promotions on K-STAR radio.

"We're trying to do a little extra for this film that we wouldn't do for a normal Hollywood film," Wetzel said. "We want it to succeed and do well because it has a good message," she said.

Jones said Utah was an obvious location to open the movie because Elder Groberg is well known here.

"Also, the film is highly connected with Polynesia, and Utah has the highest concentration of Polynesians in the country," Jones said.

David Fiefia, the Liahona Alumni Advisor for the Salt Lake Utah Tongan South Stake, said this is the first movie ever made pertaining to the Polynesian saints.

After opening across Utah, Jones said the film will open in Idaho and Arizona. She said the movie should be in theaters across the country by the beginning of 2002.

The movie is opening slowly because it is an independent film.

Wetzel said she's sure the film will do well in Utah.

"The interest level is very high. Probably even more so than with 'God's Army,' which was a huge success," she said.

Jones said members of the cast and crew will be available to sign autographs today in the BYU Bookstore from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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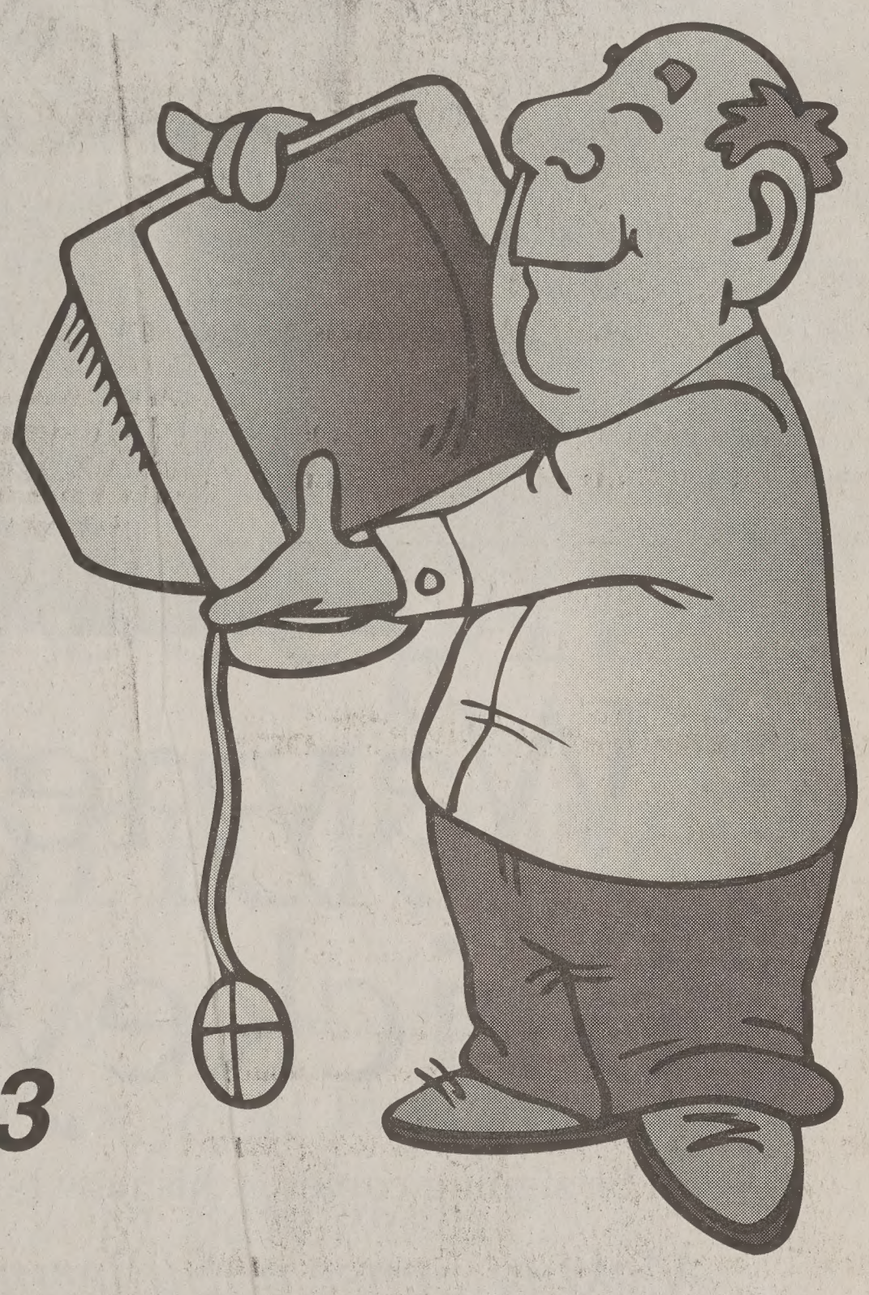

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'Joy to the World' dance show celebrates Christmas season

By Noelle Magelssen
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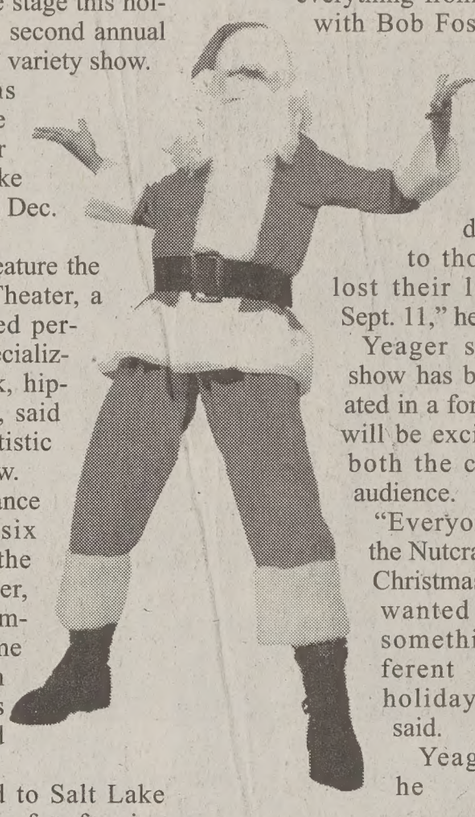
Hip-hopping Santas and local stars will share the stage this holiday season in the second annual "Joy to the World" variety show.

The show opens tonight at the Jeanne Wagner Theater in Salt Lake City and runs until Dec. 22.



The show will feature the Odyssey Dance Theater, a local multi-faceted performing group specializing in ballet, funk, hip-hop, tap and jazz, said Derryl Yeager, artistic director of the show.

The Odyssey Dance Theater began six years ago under the direction of Yeager, a Ballet West alumnus who spent time after graduation on Broadway stages in New York and Los Angeles.

Yeager returned to Salt Lake City after his years of performing abroad and found a pool of extremely talented young people who did not have the desire to relocate to the coastal entertainment meccas, he said.

From this group Yeager developed a dance company of 22 members ranging in ages from 18 to 25 years old who perform all styles of mainstream dance, he said.

"The variety of dance styles within the group is what gives us an edge up on other dance companies," Yeager said.

"Joy to the World" will combine singing and dancing to celebrate the various aspects of the Christmas season, he said.

"The performance will include everything from a piece with Bob Fosse reindeer to a ballet pas de deux entitled 9-11, dedicated to those who lost their lives on Sept. 11," he said.

Yeager said the show has been created in a format that will be exciting for both the cast and audience.

"Everyone does the Nutcracker for Christmas, so we wanted to do something different for the holidays," he said.

Yeager said he came together with musical director Greg Hansen more than two years ago and began brainstorming "Joy to the World."

Hansen motivated Yeager to create a unique Christmas program showcasing the Odyssey Dance Theater and a variety of local talents, Yeager said.

Hansen has a long and distinguished resume in the music industry and was instrumental in recruiting the musical talent for the show, Yeager said.

"Joy to the World" will feature a selection of local musical artists including David Osmond, Brett Raymond and the Center Stage Children's Choir, Hansen said.

A mix of sacred and secular music, accompanied by a live band, will be used to tell the story of Christmas, he said.

Hansen arranged the majority of the music for the show, but he will also feature special numbers such as a song titled "Jesus like a River," written by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"The music is terrific," Hansen said. "It is all original arrangements and incredible musical talent."

PBS shows violence through child's eyes

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two boys — one Israeli, one Palestinian, both clearly imps — meet on a Jerusalem street and break the ice by engaging in a burping contest. Giggles ensue.

The scene in "Promises" is at once charming and heartbreaking, making clear how narrow the gulf between these children of conflict could be while reminding us how wide it is.

Airing on PBS, the documentary is a compassionate, even-handed look at the lives of Middle Eastern children shaped by their region's anguish. It puts a young and vulnerable face on Israeli-Palestinian violence that, even in an America now touched by its own sudden violence, can seem distant and impersonal.

Meet the appealing, articulate Faraj, a Palestinian trapped in a refugee camp, or the equally handsome and candid Israeli twins Yarko and Daniel, and try to be detached or dismissive or cling to stereotypes.

These youngsters are trying to make sense of their tortured world, even if it seems adults cannot.

"You're dogmatic. You have to understand their thinking," one Palestinian boy says to another who is reluctant to befriend Israeli children. "You have to understand their thinking, then respond."

High-level politics and policy are not the point here. Filmmakers Justine Shapiro, B.Z. Goldberg and Carlos Bolado wanted to hear what children had to say about war and see how it affected them.

They began work on the project in the mid-1990s, during the relative calm following the Oslo peace accord.

The current, dispiriting wave of violence is not included in the film, which airs as part of PBS' "P.O.V." nonfiction series (10 p.m. EST today; check local listings).

It's encouraging to see the youngsters in "Promises" try to think independently. It's disheartening to see how heavily the fights and fears of parents and grandparents weigh on them.

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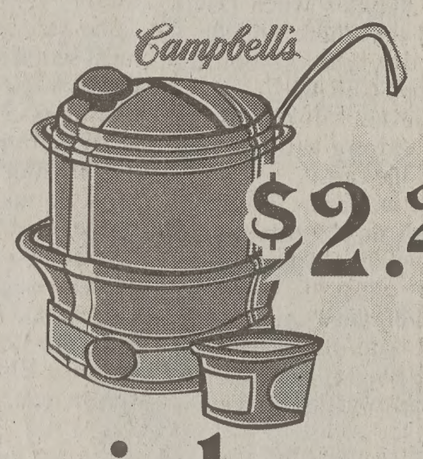

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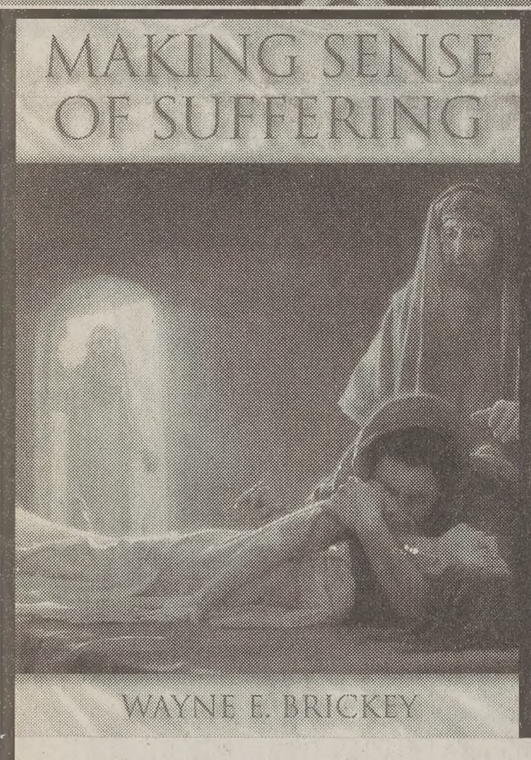

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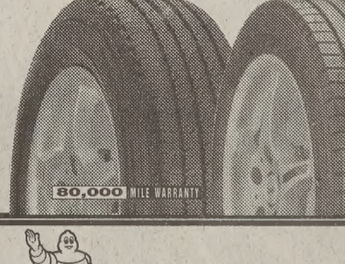

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YU basketball cruises past the competition

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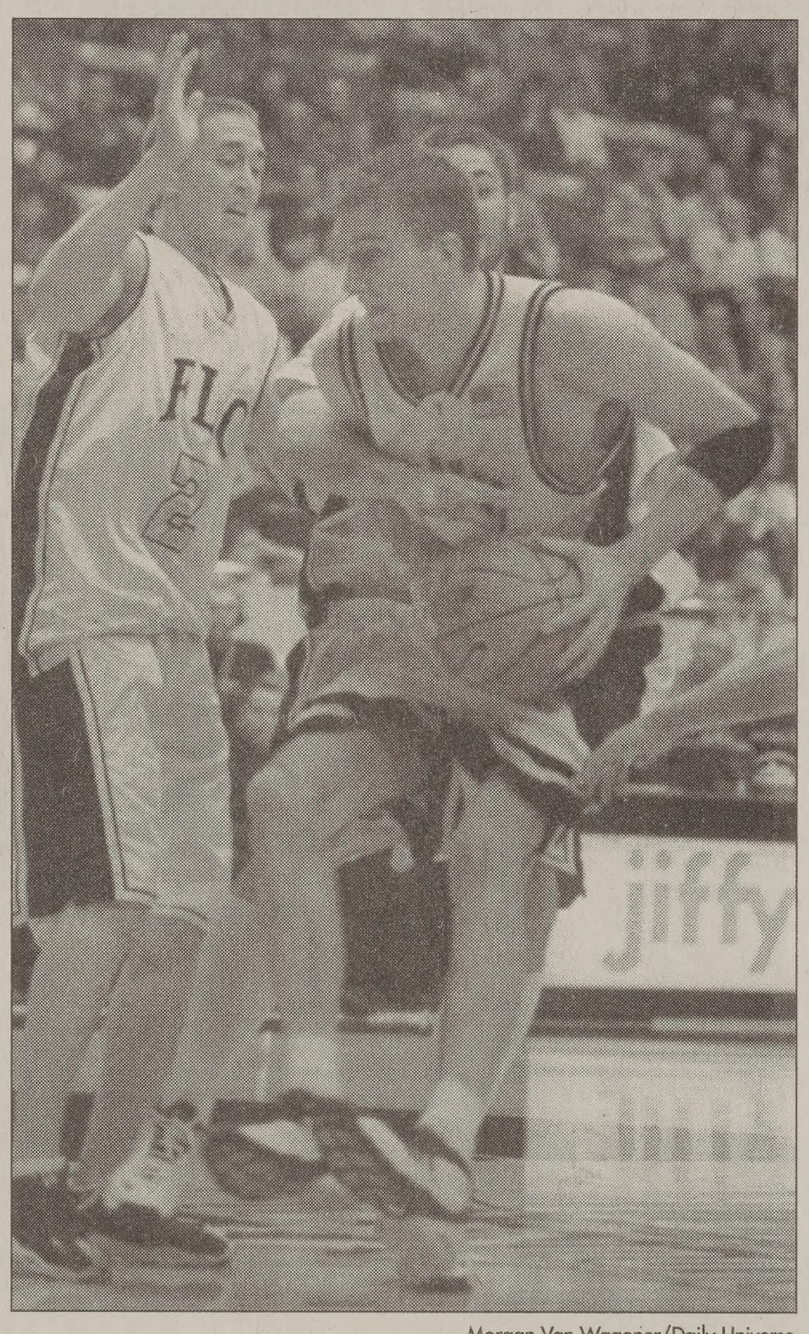

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BYU forward Eric Nielsen gets in a bind with some Fort Lewis players during Wednesday's game. The Cougars won the game 101-53 and next take on Idaho on Saturday.

lifting both arms over his head.

"With a lot of skill practice and lifting the weights hard, Jesse can be a solid contributor for us in the future," Cleveland said.

Cougar fans also had a chance to see the other two BYU big men, Dan Howard and John Carlisle.

Carlisle had six points and two blocked shots in seven minutes of action.

Cleveland said Carlisle has the best understanding of the game among his big men, but is not yet in the physical shape he needs to be.

In winning by such a large margin, the BYU coaches had a chance to see what their bench could do.

Many of the players gained valuable experience that will be helpful when conference games begin next month.

Next up for the Cougars is the University of Idaho on Saturday. The Vandals come to Provo with a 2-5 record.

BYU will look to extend its home court winning streak to 25 games against Idaho.

Women stuff U of Oregon

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The BYU women's basketball team rebounded with a 74-58 win over the University of Oregon Wednesday.

The Cougars battled their way through picks, fast breaks, and a very swift opponent.

Head coach Jeff Judkins said he was pleased with his team's performance.

"Oregon is a very good team and one of the best we've played so far," Judkins said. "We did a good job."

Utah head coach Elaine Elliott wasn't kidding when she said the Ducks' quickness made all the difference when Oregon beat Utah on Saturday, 63-55.

To offset Oregon's speed, the Cougar defense stepped up to stop the Ducks dead in their tracks.

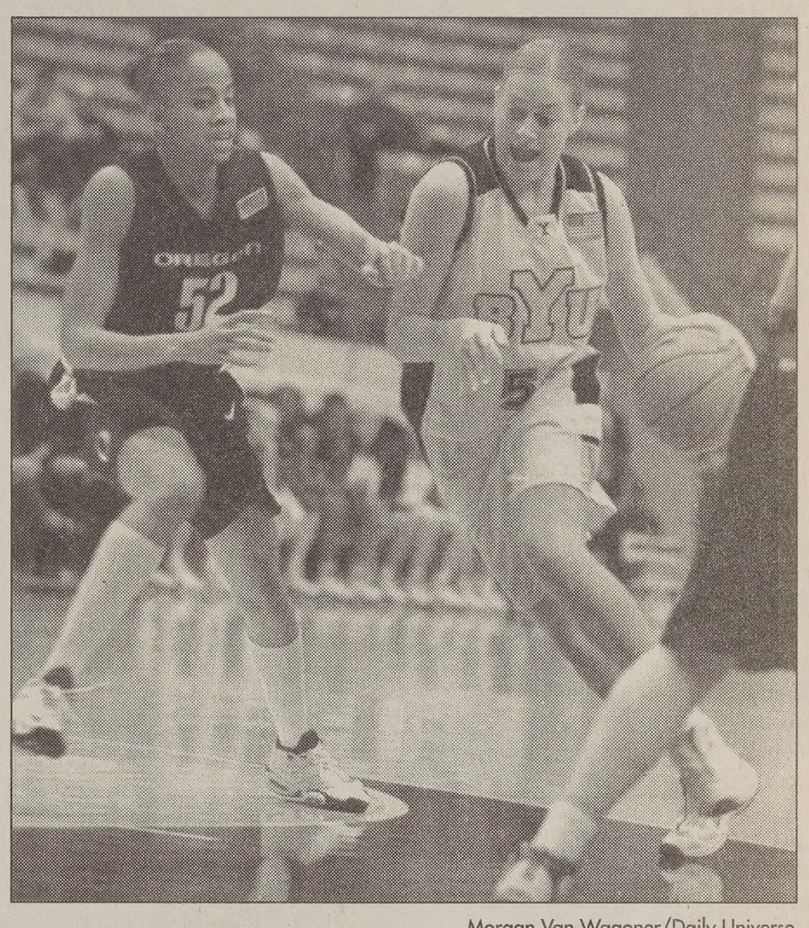
The BYU defense was so strong that it kept one of Oregon's leading scorers in single digits.

Forward Lisa Osguthorpe stuck to Oregon guard Shaquala Williams like glue, and as a result, Williams only finished with eight points for the night. Williams usually averages 16.5 points a game.

"Lisa Osguthorpe had a great game. She did a great defensive job on Williams," Judkins said.

BYU finished the game with four Cougars scoring in double-digits. Forward Jennifer Leitner led the team with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Following close behind were guards Stacy Jensen and Erin Thorn, banking 14 points apiece.

Coming off the bench, forward Melanie Pearson also hit 11 points to put the Cougars safely out of Oregon's reach.



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BYU forward Danielle Cheesman drives down the key against an Oregon player. BYU won the game 74-58.

Both teams shared similar statistics. Oregon and BYU both had 18 team fouls, and a high percentage from the foul line.

However, it was the three-pointers that made the difference. The Ducks hit 13.3 percent from the arc, compared to the Cougars' 44.

First-year Oregon head coach Bev Smith said there were no excuses for her team's performance.

"We were a little flat, but there's no excuse" Smith said. "Defensively, we weren't disciplined to stay within our game plan. (BYU) stuck to their game plan and had discipline."

Similarly both teams hit the boards, pulling down at least 39 apiece. Oregon grabbed 40 rebounds and the Cougars 39.

Forward Danielle Cheesman credited the win to the team's defense.

"Our team was clicking and everyone was doing their part," Cheesman said. "Defense is a major part of the game, it is just key."

The Cougars' next three games are on the road. The team travels today for the Pioneer Classic, a two-day tournament hosted by the University of Denver. BYU will go up against Arkansas Pine Bluff Friday and the University of Denver Saturday.

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BYU rugby player John Blaser dashes up the field, ball in hand, during a game earlier this fall. The BYU rugby team is getting ready for the next phase of its season, beginning in Winter Semester 2002. The team's first game will be against the UCLA Bruins.

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Y rugby kick-off coming

By Brian Carlson
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All they want for Christmas is another winning season.

The BYU rugby team has its sights set on going undefeated when the first scrum takes the field in January.

"It's going to take hard work, but the potential is there," said Dave Smyth, BYU rugby head coach.

This fall, the Cougars outscored their opponents by nearly 60 points a game.

The team finished the fall season ranked No. 2 in the nation.

Smyth said he has been impressed with the team's overall performance.

"They know how to capitalize on other teams' mistakes and know how to execute our plays," Smyth said.

But, Smyth said he knows the Cougars' road to success isn't going to be a smooth one.

BYU is currently, per the team's tradition, scheduling games against the toughest teams in the U. S. Rugby Football Union.

Smyth said he measures the team's success by how it fares against powerhouse teams like No. 1 California.

"If we do well against those teams we know that we're making good progress in the program," Smyth said.

The Cougars' first opponent back from Christmas break will be the UCLA Bruins.

Smyth said the Cougars will have to work a little harder during the off-season if they want to come out hot for spring season.

"They've got to get into their minds, just because they're BYU they can't rely on past performances," Smyth said. "They've got to do their part."

Team captain Kalem Nordstrom said the team is working on staying in shape during the off-season and making sure each player knows his role.

"I think it'll help them realize what they need to do to perform their role to the best of their ability," Nordstrom said.

He said the team's goal to remain unbeaten is definitely a reality as long as the Cougars keep their focus and learn how to help each other by executing their roles.

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Eight-man Brad Macfarlane said he feels the off-season practices will help them develop better team unity.

He said if the team can come together over the off-season the Cougars will be unstoppable.

"Athlete for athlete there will be no team that can beat us," Macfarlane said.

Jazz frustrations continue

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Kevin Garnett scored 24 points, Joe Smith added 15, and Terrell Brandon had 10 of his 14 in the decisive third quarter as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Utah Jazz 98-87 Wednesday night.

Minnesota won its fifth straight game, all by double digits, and ended Utah's four-game winning streak. The Jazz (10-12), who had warmed up after stumbling to their worst start in 19 seasons, failed to pull to .500.

Karl Malone scored 20 for Utah, DeShawn Stevenson had 16, and Andrei Kirilenko 11.

The Timberwolves trailed 52-51 at halftime but turned it around by outscoring the Jazz 31-13 in the third quarter.

Things quickly turned ugly for Utah, which was outrebounded 13-6 in the period.

The Jazz seemed to leave their momentum in the locker room when they came out for the third quarter. They couldn't score on their first five possessions, a bad omen.

Minnesota, meanwhile, scored the first four baskets of the second half, the start of a 19-8 run that helped the Timberwolves build a lead that grew to 81-64 after Smith's 3-point play with 2:17 remaining in the third.

Utah couldn't seem to get a rebound during the period, and the Timberwolves could do no wrong. Even when Garnett went airborne for a power dunk but bounced it high off the back of the rim, Brandon corralled it de in the backcourt.

Brandon finished the possessi by swishing a 19-footer for a 7 62 lead.

Officially, Utah had only fo turnovers in the third but the m takes were off the chart. The Ja were out of position defensive couldn't reel in loose balls a didn't get many calls from t officials.

When the third-quarter ho finally sounded, thousands frustrated fans booed. With M nesota leading 89-71 near the s minute mark of the fourth, th started heading for the exits.

The Jazz's reserves made a l surge, pulling within 95-86 o basket by Scott Padgett with 1 remaining but that was as close Utah got.

Y soccer shuts out competition

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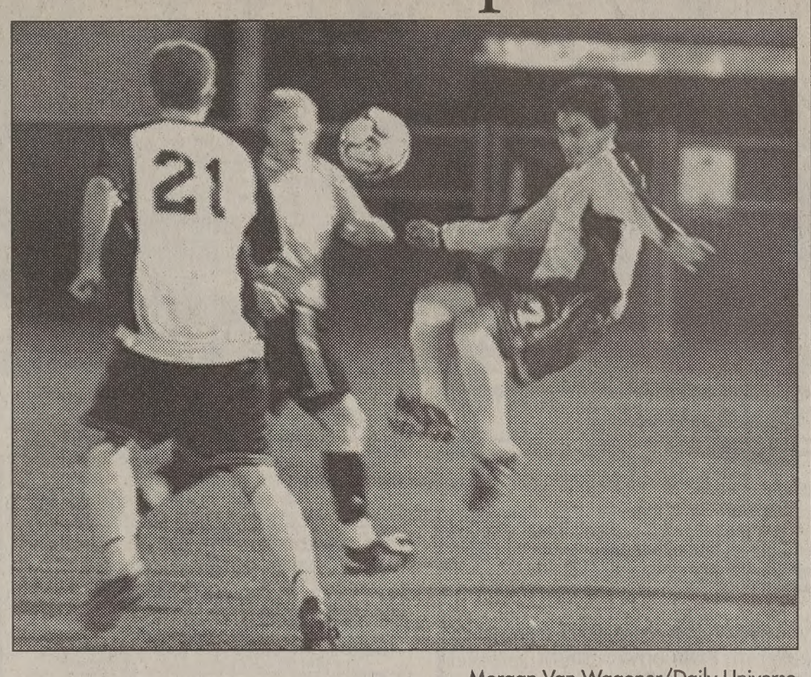

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BYU forward Daniel Yescas launches the ball downfield away from a Utah player during the game Oct. 24. The men's soccer team had another successful season, culminating with a national championship in November.

he BYU men's soccer team has perienced many peaks and few leys this season.

The Cougars continued their nning tradition this year by sting an intimidating 16-1-0 ord and capturing yet another llegiate Club National Chamnship, the team's fifth in the t six years.

YU was dominanted again s year, recording shutouts in ht games and outscoring oppots 75-14 overall.

YU head soccer coach Chris tkins said one of the season's low points came in the first ne of the season, a frustrating loss to Air Force Academy on g. 25.

Our only loss came in the first ne of the season," Watkins d. "The looks on the players' es, the disappointment ... We w we were the better team."

Watkins said the Air Force loss s a wakeup call the team ned important early on.

The players listened to us aches) that day," Watkins said. e learned from it and it ended being our only loss."

Watkins said most of his perual highlights were when he glimpses that players were spring what he was teaching.

Those conversations let me ow the players were believing the system and understanding.

ce that happened, around Sepber, the results in November e pretty secure," said Watkins, erring to the Cougars' clean eep of last month's national championship in Alabama.

espite all of BYU's success, tkins said his greatest worry is ntentment. "The danger we e is complacency — being isfied with where we're at," tkins said.

ith BYU's six championships the past nine years, has the onal club title lost some of its er, leaving the Cougars look- for a greater test?

s much as Watkins would like see his team play at a higher el, he doesn't see BYU rejoining the ranks of NCAA Division I play anytime soon. This means the club must challenge itself by setting lofty goals, such as this year's oft-attained aspiration to shut out opponents.

"The club championship is all we have, so I try to take some satisfaction out of it," Watkins said. "But I want more."

After collecting five national titles in six years and establishing a dynasty of sorts in the sphere of college club soccer, neither Watkins' nor his players' enthusiasm for winning has dimmed.

Will the Cougars repeat again next year?

"Definitely, no question," said sophomore forward Matt Affleck.

Affleck said this year's club is more fun than any other he's played on.

"The guys have the same goals and values, so we get along and have a lot of fun together," Affleck said.

Affleck said he and his teammates have a saying they use to motivate each other: "Let's go out and play like Cougars."

Women's soccer looks ahead

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There is no rest for the women's soccer coaches. Jennifer Rockwood and the women's soccer staff continue this off-season with recruiting responsibilities.

The Cougars ended the season with a 14-7-1 overall record and 5-1-0 in the conference. The team took the championship crown at the Mountain West Conference tournament in Las Vegas. The title gave the team a berth to the NCAA Women's Cup tournament in Lincoln, Neb.

BYU beat Kansas in round 1 but lost to nemesis Nebraska, ending the Cougar season.

Rockwood says eight new freshmen will be added to the women's team, filling the void of the departing seven seniors on the 2001 team.

The Cougars are losing senior mid-fielder Jennie Christianson who was named to the MWC All-Tournament team in Las Vegas.

Senior goalkeeper Jennifer Waldron will also graduate this year. 'Waldo' led her team to 11 shutouts in the 2001 season.

Other key players leaving behind BYU uniforms are Sarah Higham-Yee, Kylee Dickson, Aurelin Weidner, Donna Werts-Corry and Amber Anderson-Johnson.

Rockwood said the coaching staff and team looks forward to next year's new recruits.

"We are excited about our recruits. We have eight new players coming from around the country," Rockwood said. "They all play on top club teams, they are working with the Olympic program and all have a considerable amount of experience," Rockwood said.

Rockwood said the recruits will bring even more speed to the team which already boasts great talent, especially when it comes to speed.

According to Rockwood, all the new recruits are high school graduates coming in as new freshmen.

The women's team has been lifting weights together but lately they've taken time off to focus on school.

"We have done weights as a team, but we missed a lot of school this year so we have taken a break from the sport so the girls can catch up on their school work and focus on their finals," Rockwood said.

"They are responsible to do cardio workout and keep up their fitness and we will get started again in January when everyone gets back," Rockwood said.

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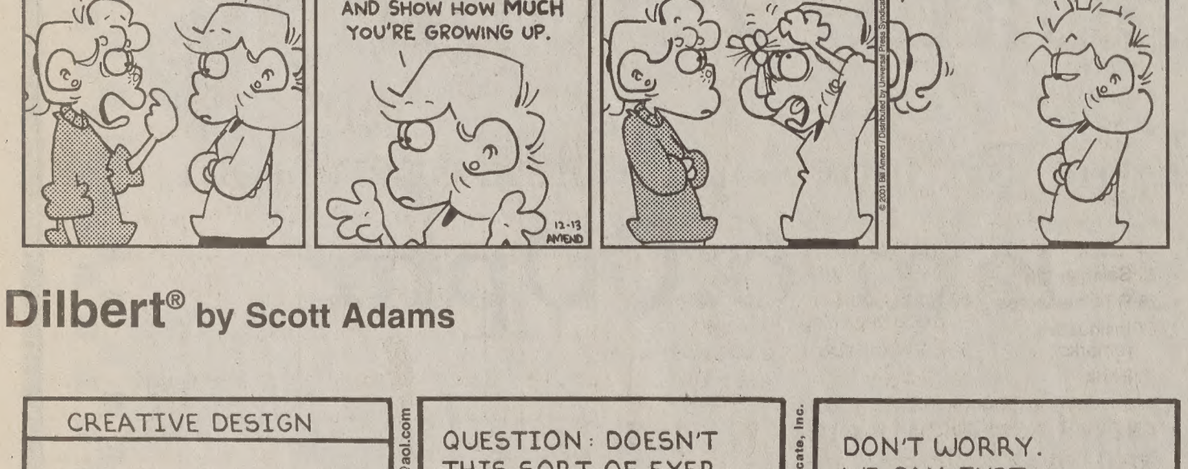
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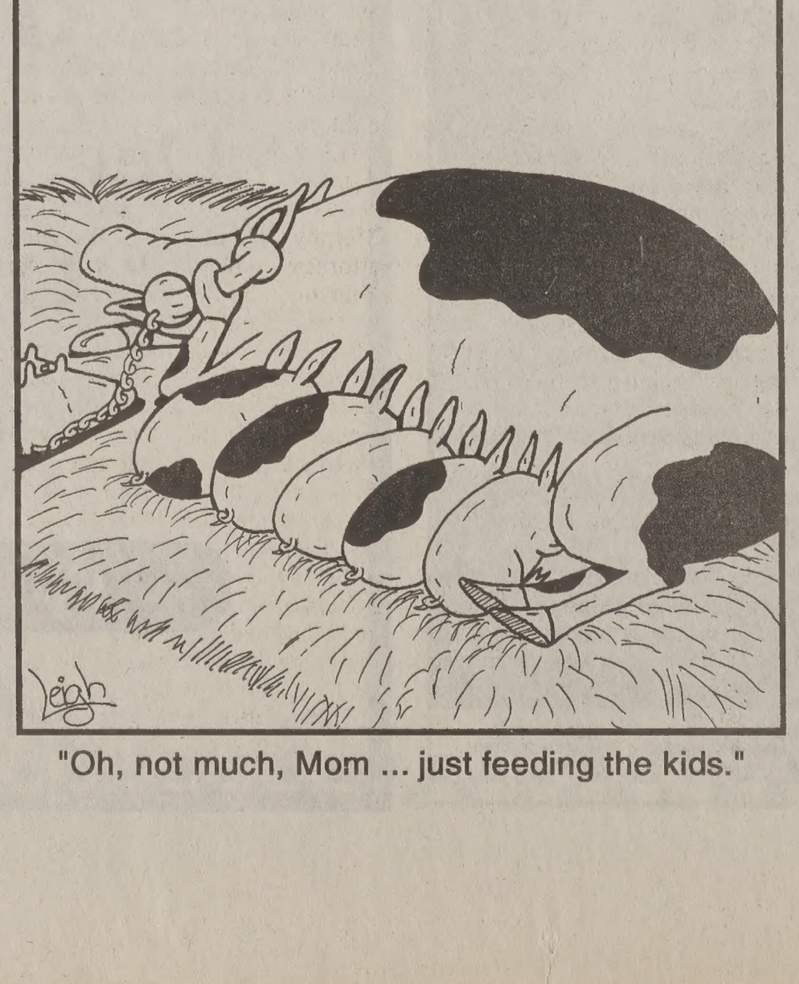

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suddenly has more actors than parts.

Even for workers with jobs, the downturn has whittled away at their ability to make ends meet.

Employers are taking notice of the new reality. After several years of struggling to fill jobs — with warnings from demographers that there is likely to a be a shortage of younger workers for years to come — many are surprised by a bumper crop of applications for the few openings that are being posted.

Others whose fortunes have waned try to find an upside to the decline.

They include Chris Baty of Oakland, Calif., who still marvels at the money he made during the dot-com frenzy, first as an employee at a commercial Web site and then as a free-lancer writing the copy businesses used to create their own Internet destinations. At the high point, that work earned Baty $85 an hour.

That work has all but disappeared since February. But Baty, who is 28, said while his income has dropped, he's happier because he's focusing on what he wants to do, rather than chasing dollars. Now he makes most of his money writing music reviews and a column for a weekly newspaper.

Still, he's wistful about what used to be.

"That was a truly glorious time," he said. "And I think all of us were young and naive enough to think that things had changed, that the rules had changed and this could go on forever."

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mechanical engineering, said he tried to return home last summer only to find that Israel had closed all its borders.

Monday morning, Israeli helicopters attacked a car not far from Sader's home, killing two young boys and injuring seven other people in an attempt to kill a Muslim militant.

The violence escalated Wednesday, when Palestinians ambushed an Israeli convoy of settlers, killing nine people and injuring more than 30.

Sader blames Israeli reprisals, among other things, for continuing the spiral of violence. Mostpeople in his homeland want peace on both sides, but minority extremists are continuing the conflict, he said.

Mandel, who spent six months studying in Kiyatgat, Israel, said he has friends who have been first-hand witnesses to the violence.

"There is a tremendous feeling of exasperation that the Arabs have no intention of making peace. Yet, when Jews fight for their rights, they're accused of being belligerent or militaristic," Mandel said.

Israelis view the recent suicide bombings as random acts of murder, said Richard Holzapfel, a professor of Middle Eastern studies at BYU. He said these attacks have been made against non-combatants such as high school students who have no part in the conflict, thereby galvanizing Israeli opinion against unconditional peace.

Israelis may have supported the idea of an independent Palestinian state before, but recent attacks have likely changed their minds, he said.

"A lot of people who wanted peace now question whether a peace deal will establish peace, or whether it will simply become a training ground for groups to bomb and attack Israel," Holzapfel said.

Many Israelis today recognize the claim of Palestinians for an independent state, but say this claim doesn't justify killing innocent people, Holzapfel said.

Kirk Belnap, associate professor of Arabic at BYU, said the majority of people in the Middle East want peace but have been ill served by their leadership.

"Both sides have at the very least made mistakes, and have not been wise in pursuing their people's best interests," he said.

The peace process continues to be impeded by groups on both sides of the conflict, said Donna Lee Bowen, professor of political science at BYU. While both sides have large majorities who support peace, both sides also have extremists who are making the situation worse.

The portrayal of the conflict has been a sore spot for many Palestinians. One Palestinian student refused to comment on the conflict, asking why the media show such an interest now that Israelis were being killed.

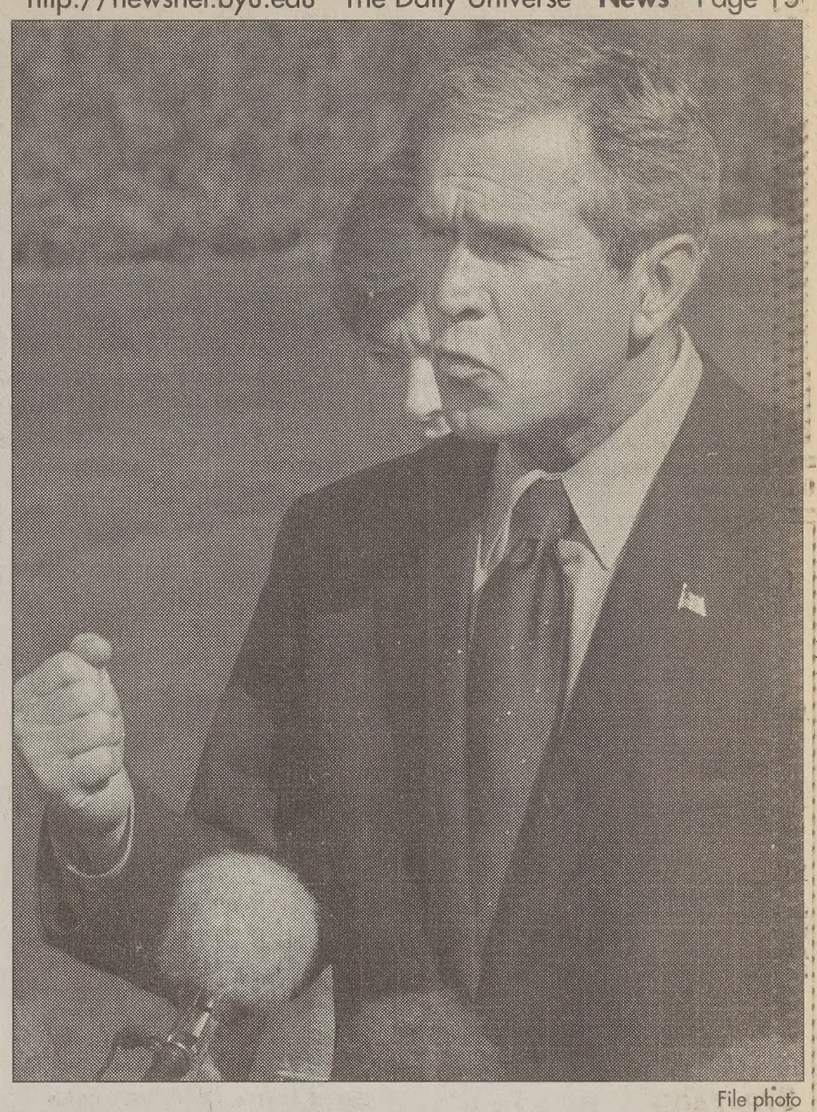
Sader questions why nobody cares when Palestinians are killed.

"Why should you care right now? Nobody cared when Palestinians were dying. It's really bad feeling that your blood is so cheap," Sader said.

Belnap said he has recognized a bias on the part of the news media in America for Israel, but it has improved over the past 20 years.

As the conflict continues, Tinah said people in the occupied territories are disappointed and feel helpless, and those who are causing the violence, such as Hamas, feed on this.

"The point is we're not saying killing is OK. Killing is not OK. It's just been a lopsided conflict from the beginning. Everybody is treating it as two equal sides, but



File photo

Bush speaks at the White House on Sept. 16.

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tire of a president that is insistent that we rout out terror, but I know this is the right thing to do."

Presidential observers say Bush had little choice but to adjust his priorities after Sept. 11, given the historic devastation. Here was Bush, assigned to pull his country past a ghastly national tragedy before he had even spent a whole year in the White House.

There was no way some issues on his plate, such as a public education overhaul or giving government money to religious charities, could compete with that, said Edward Turzanski, political and national security analyst at LaSalle University.

"It would be silly for people to say, 'Hey, whatever happened to education, Mr. President?'" Turzanski said. "It's along the lines of problems that we had been dealing with, and will be dealing with."

On Sept. 10, Bush kicked off what was supposed to be a week-long focus on education. He literally had to abandon it in the midst of the terrorism crisis. In the weeks since, education has faded to an occasional sentence in the president's stump speech.

Ted Sanders, president of the Education Commission of the States, was supposed to meet with Bush at the White House that fateful week to discuss ways to improve literacy among third- and fourth-graders. He is still waiting for that meeting.

Still, Sanders says he does not believe Bush has paid education short shrift.

"I don't think it has slipped off the radar screen, I just think there are other blips on that screen that are demanding his attention," Sanders said. "This other matter was a far more pressing matter."

The president has tried to cling to some early goals — lowering taxes, building a missile defense shield, bolstering the military — by linking them to his anti-terror campaign.

Other priorities have slipped away. For example, his pre-Sept. 11 goal of providing some form of amnesty for illegal workers from Mexico withered after authorities learned how foreign terrorists had exploited immigration loopholes to remain in the United States and carry out their plot.

"It really is a sea change," said Warren Haffar, foreign policy expert at Arcadia University. "They were hoping to get a bill signed before Christmas. That has gone entirely away and it's been replaced by increasing security at the border and at the airports."

Bush also tested the parameters of his authority. He seized unprecedented powers to detain, monitor and deport potential terror suspects, and to convene what would be the country's first military tribunals since World War II.

The president has been able to shift his priorities with little complaint from Americans eager for justice and a restored sense of security.

But that advantage, experts say, has a tricky downside; Bush cannot even appear to voters that he is using the "new war" against terrorism overseas to hide from tough problems at home.

"Just because we're fighting a war does not abrogate presidential responsibility to lead the nation in all aspects," said Shirley Anne Warshaw, political science professor at Gettysburg College. "He can't spend four years talking about terrorism. The American public won't stand for it."

Bush, however, has made clear that he will keep one foot firmly rooted in the terrorism effort. Americans may decide to move on, he said, "but I'm not moving on."

Utah cities to celebrate Paralympic flame tour

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> "These celebrations will not only embody the Paralympic theme, but also showcase the local spirit and character of each host community."
>
> — Mitt Romney, President of SLOC

Bicyclist and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong recently carried the Olympic torch through Dallas, Texas.

Many others with inspiring stories are now being given the chance to carry another symbolic flame.

The 2002 Paralympic Journey of Fire is accepting flame runner nominations for people who have overcome personal disabilities or who have helped others overcome them.

The Journey of Fire will allow Utah communities to be actively involved in supporting the athletes and events of the Salt Lake Paralympic Winter Games.

The Salt Lake 2002 Paralympic Journey of Fire will occur March 2 to 7, 2002.

Community celebrations to spark excitement for the Paralympic Games will be hosted in 16 cities throughout Utah.

Music, local artists and the lighting of the Paralympic flame will all be part of the community celebrations.

"Each community has the opportunity to determine for themselves how they would like to light the fire within their community," said Joy Kohnken of Salt Lake Organizing Committee media relations.

Every community will bring their fire to the lighting of the Paralympic flame in downtown Salt Lake City. Approximately 100 flame runners will then take the Paralympic flame to Rice-Eccles Stadium, Kohnken said.

"The community celebrations are a fun way for people to show their support for the Paralympics and for their own communities," said Mitt Romney, president and CEO of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee in a news release.

"These celebrations will not only embody the Paralympic theme, but also showcase the local spirit and character of each host community," he said.

Cities hosting the Paralympic flame include American Fork, Brigham City, Cedar City, Centerville/Farmington, Heber, Kaysville, Layton, Moab, Murray, North Ogden, Park City, Sandy, Springville, St. George and West Valley City.

Nomination applications can be obtained at www.paralympics2002.com or by sending an application request via e-mail to journeyoffire@saltlake2002.com.

Money from lawsuit to build safe haven

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Money from an antitrust settlement will provide a safe haven for battered women next year in southeast Utah.

"We hope to give women an option, a safe place and a hope so that they do not have to stay in a dangerous location," said Lou Mueller, San Juan County Sheriff's office victim advocate coordinator.

Attorney General Mark Shurtleff gave a check for $91,907 to pay the construction cost of the new domestic violence shelter in Blanding, San Juan County.

The money was received from an antitrust case involving price fixing allegations against Nine West Group.

The New York shoe manufacturer agreed last spring to a $34 million national settlement to be used for women's health, educational, vocational and safety programs, Assistant Attorney General Ronald Ockey said.

Utah received approximately $250,000 from the settlement.

With the check in hand, Mueller has collected $322,000 in grants, gifts and loans for the shelter.

"They desperately need a shelter," Ockey said.

He said it is difficult to get money for services in rural areas but he is eager to see the shelter built.

The housing will be the first domestic violence shelter in southeastern Utah, said Paul Murphy, spokesman for the Utah attorney general. He said the housing will accommodate women throughout the area.

Mueller said most women choose not to leave their work and children to escape domestic violence because they fear they will completely disrupt their lives.

Currently, the only option is to place women in local motels, Mueller said.

"In motels there are no support systems, no one to reassure them, and they end up going back (to their abusive situations)," Mueller said.

"The shelter will help ensure their safety and give them the opportunity to escape violence," he said.

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17 Dolt's attire?
19 Some bugs
20 Work with enthusiasm
21 Occupy
22 Seat of Garfield County, Okla.
23 "___ crime?"
25 Salinger girl
26 R.N. measures
27 Insinuative remarks
28 Bank
29 Two-master
31 Family nickname
32 Harding and Wilson
33 Ballyhoo
36 Parlor game
38 Madison Avenue award
41 Balloonist's figure: Abbr.
43 Vermont's ___ Mountain Resort
47 Some yarn
48 "Take your time"
51 Book after Ezra: Abbr.
52 North Carolina motto beginning
53 Economy-size
54 First person
55 Gets in over one's head?
57 Disciplines
59 Claw
60 Bulky letters?
61 "Middlemarch" author
62 Word of thanks
63 New Deal prog.
64 They may be broken in the military
65 Appointments
66 Flagstaff-to-Phoenix dir.

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7 Worship groups
8 Braggart's suffix
9 California's ___ Valley
10 Spicy chat?
11 Amasses
12 Think tank types
13 Annual sporting event, with "the"
18 ___ school
21 Rope
24 Fall preceder?
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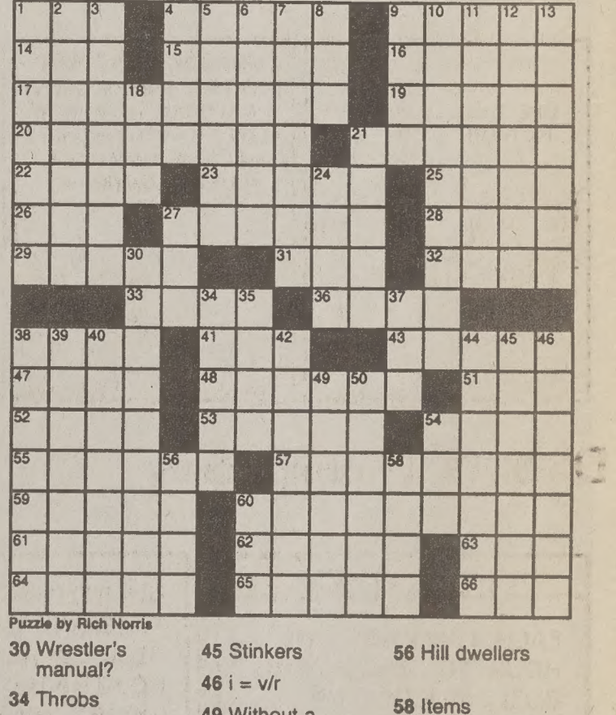

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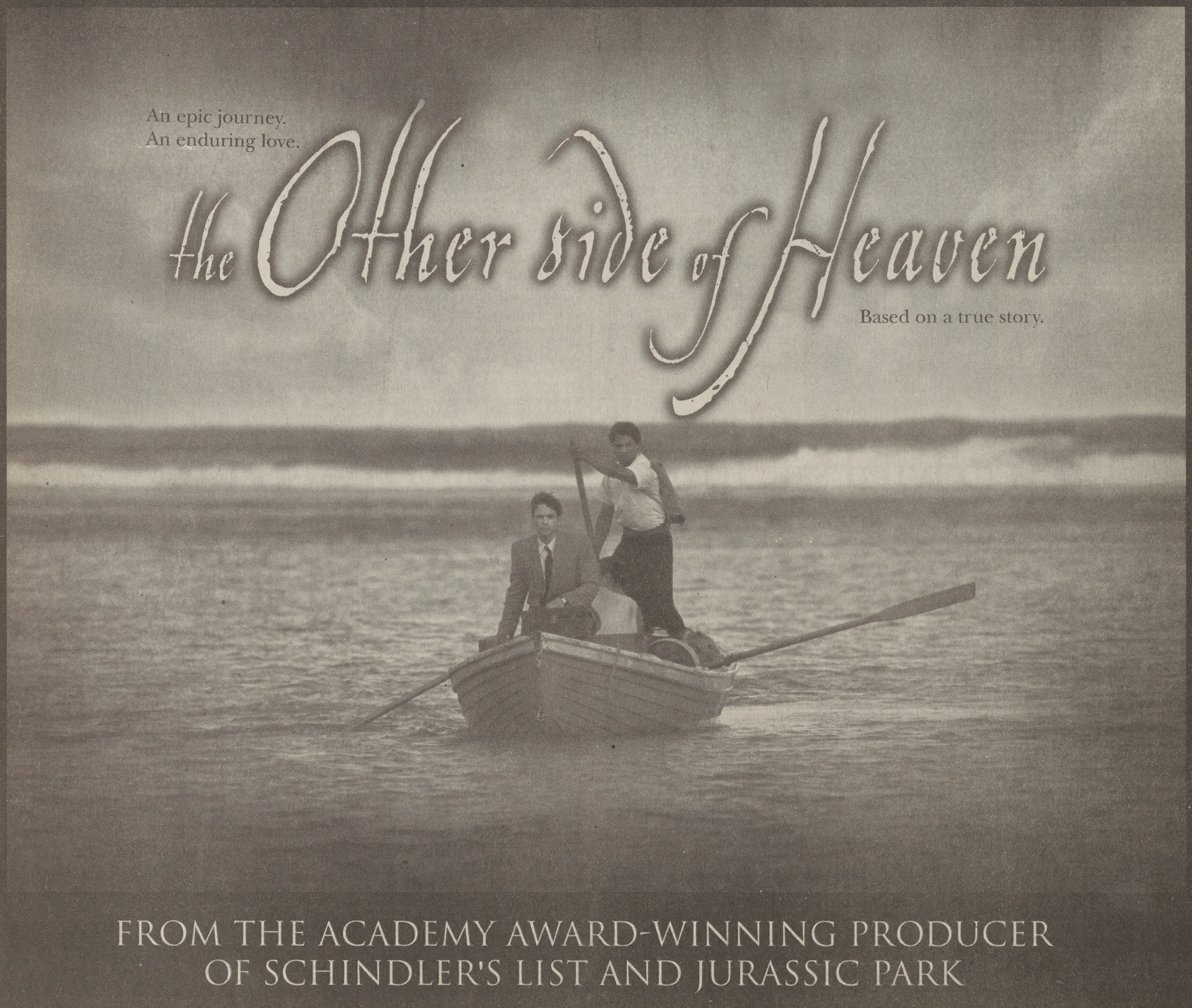

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